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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Group names Sacramento/San Joaquin rivers worst in U.S.

The environmental group American Rivers this week named the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers the nation's most endangered waterways. It said, "The largest watershed in California is on the verge of collapse, threatening the water supply for more than 26 million people, placing the capital of the nation's most populous state at high risk of flooding, and damaging a once productive and healthy ecosystem that supported the nation's most diverse salmon runs. Climate change, population growth, water supply de-

Listen to experts discuss Delta, American Rivers report

KQED-Radio in San Francisco on Wednesday presented an hour-long discussion of California's Delta, listed as the most endangered river system by the American Rivers report. The panel includes Anthony Saracino of the Nature Conservancy; Jeff Mount, director of the Center for Watershed Sciences at UC Davis; Joe Grindstaff, California Natural Resources Agency deputy secretary for water policy; and Tina Swanson, executive director of The Bay Institute. To listen, click here.

mands, and endangered species listings have brought this outmoded water and flood management system to the brink. Read the report.

Deadline for comments about BDCP is May 14

For those who attended one of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's (BDCP) 12 scoping meetings and would like to comment about the plan, the deadline is May 14. To comment, <u>click here</u>. Also, the nine maps and 13 informational posters used in the scoping meetings are now available online. The concept-level conveyance <u>maps can be found here</u>. The posters include such topics as climate change, land use and recreation. <u>The posters can be found here</u>. DWR held the meetings throughout the state, including four in and around the Delta, to allow the public, agencies, and tribes to review the scope of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

FloodSAFE building code workshops next week

The Department of Water Resources' FloodSAFE program will host two workshops on proposed updates to California Building Standards Code for buildings in areas protected by the State flood control system, including the Delta. The first workshop is next Monday, April 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Merced; the second will be held next Tuesday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sacramento. Agendas and more information are available online here. The State's flood control system includes areas in Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Fresno, Glenn, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba. More counties may be added.

Yolo County water group plans public meeting about Delta

The Water Resources Association of Yolo County will hold a meeting next Monday, April 13, to discuss how Delta water planning and proposed legislation could adversely affect Yolo County water supplies, land uses and habitat. The association is encouraging the public and all city and county elected officials to attend. An agenda is posted on the association's website. The meeting is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. at the Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East St., Woodland.



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